

The residents of Meadowlands, including young pregnant mother Ann Connor and an elderly disabled man, have been given until 8 am on Monday (26 Jan) to vacate the land they own and "return it to an agricultural condition as part of the greenbelt".

In response, following the example of John Lee and Aaron Smith at Bulkington Fields, they have employed diggers to surround their land with deep ditches and earth mounds. A steel gate at the entrance is being padlocked and barricaded and fires laid in readiness to resist eviction and destruction of the plots.

"The shades (police) insisted in coming in here last week," said Jim McCann, "though I told them to stay off our private property. So some of the lads chained the gate and they had to call for back up to bring bolt cutters before the squad car could get out again. We took photos of it."

Many Travellers and supporters are taking part in a rally at Meadowlands on Sunday (25 Jan) in preparation for the attempt at eviction. A marquee and mobile kitchen will supply hot food and shelter for those